

**PATENT**  
**Application 09/642,980**  
**Attorney Docket 1999-0587 (1014-091)**

**REMARKS**

**Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance**

Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for the consideration provided to this application, and for allowing the claims. To the extent that any statements provided as Reasons for Allowance reference any allowed claim without quoting the actual language of that allowed claim, attempt to characterize the subject matter of any allowed claim, and/or actually characterize the subject matter of any allowed claim, Applicant respectfully traverses.

Any cancelled claim is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Any claim amended via Examiner's Amendment has been amended for at least one reason unrelated to patentability, including at least one of: to explicitly present one or more elements, limitations, phrases, terms and/or words implicit in the claim as originally written when viewed in light of the specification, thereby not narrowing the scope of the claim; to detect infringement more easily; to enlarge the scope of infringement; to cover different kinds of infringement (direct, indirect, contributory, induced, and/or importation, etc.); to expedite the issuance of a claim of particular current licensing interest; to target the claim to a party currently interested in licensing certain embodiments; to enlarge the royalty base of the claim; to cover a particular product or person in the marketplace; and/or to target the claim to a particular industry.

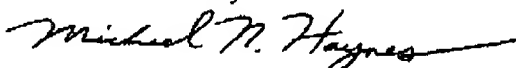
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**CONCLUSION**

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-2504. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 434-972-9988 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

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